

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2768 – SB 2645

March 3, 2012

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013807): Prohibits any person from digging, harvesting, collecting, or removing of wild ginseng from any land that such person does not own outside of the wild ginseng harvest season. Authorizes the sale or export of wild ginseng year-round.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- According to the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), this would allow individuals to harvest ginseng for the purpose of sale or export on any date. Currently, ginseng may only be harvested for the purpose of sale or export within the harvest season which is August 15 through December 31.
- Currently, TDEC receives \$10,000 each year from the issuance of ginseng dealer permits. It is estimated that this will not have a direct significant fiscal impact on the ginseng dealer permit program.
- This will not result in a significant fiscal impact to state or local government.
- Amendment (013807) is clerical in nature and has no fiscal impact.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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